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Monday afternoon

My own precious wife:

Well I have been on
outpost duty ever since 5 o'clock Sunday
afternoon right on the line & have been
on Mexico territory as well. Sheldon Ripley
took my picture with one foot in Mexico
& one in the U.S. with the dividing line monument
between us. They will send another guard to
relieve us about 7 o'clock to night.

Geo Meary comes out on an auto truck
with our food & drink as we are a long
way from camp. This noon George brought your
letter to me that had one dollar in it and it
was the dearest letter I have had for a long time.
I just turned a somersault on the ground you
made me so happy sending me such
a cheerful letter again. When you write
in a cheerful mood, I am always happy
but when you feel depressed and down hearted
I am just the same. The dollar is just
what I need, as the pay roll is made out every
thirty days & it will be several days before we
are paid. I did not answer that lady's letter
about my picture, as I mailed every thing to you right
off, thought you could acknowledge it or not
as you preferred. I also wish you would
trust me as much as I am always true to you and

do not flirt with any one, and am only
waiting for the time to come, when I can
return home to you, my own dearest one
& just smother you with kisses as I love you
better than life itself and live to your
own dear husband for ever as long as you
live, that is sure, as I feel it in my
bones. Sunday morning I went to the church service
at 7:30 and the Rector had 4 boys baptized
that belonged to the outfit, and it was very
impressive. Then we had Holy Communion
in the Y.M.C.A. tent and about 100 soldiers
were at that service. It was real good
the first time I ever took Communion at
an episcopal service. =

I am having a little loose nose, but feel first
rate and I think it does me good to get
cleaned out once in a while.

The physical examination I spoke of has
commenced with the 9th Reg. I understand out of
the first 7 men examined, 4 were rejected, so the
boys figure that about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the outfit will
not pass and be ordered home.

Guess they will get around to the 5th Regt
by next week. They say Col. Storr, Maj. Brown
and a lot more will pass. - & I hear it
rumored that Sheldon Ripley is to fight next
for his height & Keller Brown will be turned down on
eyesight & of course I can't get by on my eye-
sight so I expect to see you soon dearest.

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all I wish is that the col. would take the 5th home with him if he has to go. I want to come home awful bad, & would throw my hat all right if was ordered home but it seems to bad not to be able to stay as long as the rest, if they are coming in a short time as every one seems to think they are. ~~Higher~~ I have done my duty as far as possible and if don't pass this next Vol. Surgons Examination why I will head for Cohasset with a clear conscience and hasn't done anything that they could call me a quitter for.

The boys are all right & happy as can be expected, and although every one wants to come back to a cooler climate they don't want to be turned down by the doctor. My daughter you tell Sargent that he is a lucky boy not to be here, as the flies and ants & bugs & dust are fierce. I thank you my dear for the 4 leaf Clover, & wear them all in my hat for good luck. Awful good of you to send me that \$1 at this time, I guess you must be a mind reader. Well my dear try & keep cool & you must get control of your nerves, & sleep. I will try & write to you may I dare as you say but my time goes before

I know it. We didn't get back
to camp until 8.30 last night and then
Peter & Lester tumbled into the water faucet
& broke the pipe off and it spouted up
like a fountain & wet all the food
through. So our supper wasn't very
good. Now my own dearest one
please keep up a brave heart and
do what you can & let the rest
go. I love you dearest & pray that
you may keep well until I can
come & back.

Give my love to Margaret &
Helen & all the dear ones.

Your loving husband
C. Eugene